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1. EMB WELCOMES VISIT OF GAO TEAM OF MR HOLLAND
AND MS REVELL. 2 SINGLE ROOMS RESERVED AT SEMIRAMIS
HOTEL (ADJACENT TO EMB COMPOUND) BEGINNING JULY 5.
EMB CAR WILL MEET PA2 AT 2035.

2. EMB SUGGESTS, WITH CONCURRENCE OF CONSULATES
ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ, THE FOUR 5 DAY TRIP BE SCHEDULED
TO AHWAZ, ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ, POSSIBLY BEGINNING JULY 17.
NORMAL WORKWEEK IN IRAN IS SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY WITH
THURSDAY AS HOLIDAY (SOME BUSINESSES OPEN IN MORNING)
AND FRIDAY AS WEEKLY RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY WHEN ALL SHOPS
AND BUSINESSES CLOSED. EMB, HOWEVER, OBSERVES
FRIDAY-SATURWEEKEND.

3. SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 IS
BREAKFAST MEETING IN EMB COMPOUND WITH IRAN-
AMERICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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AND SELECTED FEW OTHERS FOR GENERAL OVERVIEW
OF SITUATION AS LEADERS OF AMERICAN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY SEE IT (SUBJECT TO RECONFIRMATION).
REMAINDER OF WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WOULD BE SPENT
IN EMB CONSULTATIONS (INCLUDING REGIONAL
IRS REP WHO HAS HAD EXPERIENCE WITH TAX
QUESTIONS IN GULF STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA AS WELL

AS IRAN).

4. ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION WILL ARRANGE SCHEDULE OF COMPANY APPOINTMENTS BEGINNING SATURDAY, JULY 9 FOLLOWING GUIDELINES PARA 4, REF B.

5. RATIONAL FOR VISIT TO AHWAZ IS OPPURTUNITY TO TALK WITH EMPLOYEES IN OIL-RELATED INDUSTRY, MAINLY EXPATRIATE AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF THE OIL SERVICES COMPANY OF IRAN (OSCO) AND EMPLOYEES OF OIL-DRILLING COMPANIES (SANTE FE INTERNATIONAL, SEDCO, AND IRANO-READING-BATES). WESTINGHOUSE HAS LARGER NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SHIRAZ THAN IN TEHRAN CORPORATED OFFICE AND BELL HELICOPTER HAS LARGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN ISFAHAN AND IS ONE OF FEW COMPANIES (OTHER THAN OIL-DRILLING FIRMS) WITH SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF BLUE-COLLAR EMPLOYEES (PER REF A). VISITS OUTSIDE OF TEHRAN COULD POSSIBLY BE CONDUCTED BY ONE PERSON IF TEAM WISHES TO SPLIT UP IN INTERESTS OF TIME. TEAM MEMBERS WOULD WORK WITH CONSULATE PERSONNEL IN ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ. EITHER MEMBER EMB STAFF OF VICE CONSUL FROM SHIRAZ WOULD ACCOMPANY IN AHWAZ.

6. PLEASE ADVISE IF TEAM CONCURS IN VISITS TO THREE LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF TEHRAN IN TANDEM OR SINGLY AND POST WILL FACTOR INTO SCHEDULE AND OBTAIN FLIGHT BOOKINGS ACCORDINGLY. SUGGEST THAT TEAM CONSULT WITH TRAVEL SECTION ABOUT WRITING PA TICKET TO INCLUDE TEHRAN-AHWAZ-SHIRAZ-ISFAHAN-TEHRAN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN SOME INSTANCES IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL TICKETING FROM OUTSIDE IRAN HAS NOT BEEN HONORED BY IRAN AIR. IF THIS TICKETING NOT HONORED, TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN IRAN FOR RIALS OR BY EMB WHICH WOULD NEED ADDITIONAL COPY OF TRAVEL ORDERS. SULLIVAN

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